I do not think that the amount of violence on television today is excessive. The violence depicted on television (on, for example, shows about police officers) are representative of violence that exists in the real world (shootings, murders, etc). Sanitizing violence on television would be pointless since these incidents of real-world violence would still be broadcast on television news. In addition, unless one intends to never leave their home, it is only a matter of time before one encounters real-world violence during the course of their daily life.

When I was a child, my parents always told me that the violence I saw on television was not real. In otherwords, the death and explosions I saw were staged. As a result, I never even entertained the idea that it was okay to shoot someone or blow up a building in real life simply because I had seen it on television.

The government can legislate all it wants to, but no amount of legislation will ever take the place of a parent.